Intelligence failure in capital blasts

981. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the serial blasts that rocked the Capital on 13th September, 2008 was the result of gross intelligence failure;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Gujarat Chief Minister had forewarned the Centre about a possible terrorist strike in Delhi, as claimed by him to the media;

(c) if so, what follow up action was taken in this regard; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such terrifying incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Does not Arise.

(d) The Government has taken number of steps to strengthen Delhi Police which include creation of 7612 additional posts recently, to increase the visibility of police presence, approval for purchase of 130 PCR vans for increased mobility and decrease in response time, 'in-principle' approval for installation of CCTVs in 58 markets and 27 border check posts for better surveillance. In addition, to meet the requirements of modernization of Delhi Police, Government has, provided funds for procurement of arms and ammunitions, vehicles, equipments/aid for intelligence gathering, bomb disposal devises, bullet proof cars and other necessary protective gear and equipments etc. and for installation of communication systems,

Further, Delhi Police has introduced several such steps, which *inter-alia* include, 'Eyes and Ears' Scheme with a view to seek cooperation of public for gathering of information on suspicious activities of individuals and crimes; barricading and carrying out checks in markets places; checking of abandoned vehicles; checking and sensitizing of the staff of cyber cafe; sensitizing of managers and staff of hotels/guest houses to keep full details of guests, their luggage and vehicles by which they arrive; ensuring installation of closed circuit television cameras at vantage locations in the hotels; verification of tenants; briefing of auto dealers to keep full details of buyers of second hand vehicles; regular checking of STD/ISD/PCO booth owners/operators; checking of cellular phone and sim card vendors; checking of auto-stands and taxi-stands; meetings with Market Welfare Associations; briefing of Metro Rail workers/staff; sensitization of security personnel of high rise buildings, Government buildings, keeping track of suspicious elements; etc.

Consultancy for prison modernization scheme

982. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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